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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMIDEASTFOR RADM BIGLEY

1. COMMANDER, MIDDLE EAST FORCE, RADM BIGLEY, VISITED SANA JUNE 6-8. THIS WAS FIRST VISIT EVER TO YEMEN BY A CMEF TO YAR AND FOLLOWS RESUMPTION OF MEF NAVAL VISITS TO PORT OF HODEIDA IN DECEMBER 1974 AFTER ALMOST TEN YEAR HIATUS.

2. ALTHOUGH PURPOSE RADM BIGLEY'S VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY ORIENTATION, YARG WAS GENUINELY PLEASED TO SEE HIM. DURING ONE WORKING DAY, ADMIRAL ACCOMPANIED AMBASSADOR AND PARTY TO CALLS ON PRESIDENT HAMDI, PRIMIN ABD AL-GHANI, AND FONMIN ASNAG. HE ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OVER LUNCH TWO KEY HAMDI SUPPORTERS, MINSTATE AHMAD SAID AND COMMAND COUNCIL MEMBER (AND PARATROOP COMMANDER) MAJ ABDALLAH ABD AL-ALIM. CALLS AND LUNCH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY WITH FRANK AND FRIENDLY YAR LEADERSHIP FOR WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ON US-YEMENI RELATIONS, REGIONAL RED SEA CONCERNS (PARTICULARLY RADICALIZATION OF AREA), AND YAR'S OWN INTERNAL SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ADMIRAL'S SYMPATHETIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WERE MOST APPRECIATED BY HIS YEMENI HOSTS.

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3. EMBASSY AND MEF DELIBERATELY PLAYED FIRST SHIP VISIT LAST
DECEMBER IN LOW-KEY IN ORDER EASE PROCESS OF RESUMING VISITS
AND PLAYED SUBSEQUENT MARCH VISIT IN "MIDDLE C". NOW AS RESULT
OF SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF COMIDEASTFOR AND PARTY, BELIEVE WE
HAVE SET PATTERN OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH YARG CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR
APPRECIATION TO CMF AND PARTY FOR POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION THEY
MADE TO THIS EFFORT.
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